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November 15, 2006

TO: Each Supervisor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryce Yokomizo', written over the 'TO:' line.

FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

**SUBJECT: CAL-LEARN PROGRAM REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF
JANUARY 2006 THROUGH AUGUST 2006**

Attached is the Department of Public Social Services' (DPSS) final report on the Cal-Learn Program for the period of January 2006 through August 2006. In the Department's January 10, 2006 Board letter, the Board was informed that DPSS would provide quarterly reports on the contractors' performance effective January 1, 2006 through August 31, 2006.

Cal-Learn is a State-mandated program for CalWORKs participants who are under 19 years old, are pregnant or parenting, and have not yet completed their high school education. The County's four Cal-Learn contractors provide comprehensive, intensive case management services to assist teens in completing their high school education.

The attached report provides information on the Cal-Learn Program and the Cal-Learn contractors' performance measures. The report covers an eight-month review of the Cal-Learn orientation, school enrollment, report card submission, and graduation rates.

Attachment A, Cal-Learn Program Indicators - Provides data reported to the State as part of DPSS' reporting requirements on the Cal-Learn Program. It reflects the cumulative total orientation completion rate of 71 percent. The performance standard for this measure is 70 percent for all newly enrolled participants to complete Cal-Learn orientation.

Attachment B, Cal-Learn Performance Outcome Measures - Provides data on school enrollments, report card submissions and GED/high school graduations. It reflects a total school enrollment rate of 64 percent, a total report card submission rate of 92 percent and a high school graduation rate of 51 percent. The performance standards for these measures are 60 percent for school enrollment and 50 percent for both report card submission and graduation.

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Overall, the contractors exceeded all four performance measures for this review period. We will continue to work closely with the providers to assist them in meeting these measures.

BY:yjm

Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

**Cal-Learn Program Indicators by Cal-Learn Providers
January 2006 –August 2006^a**

	El Nido	Foothill	Childrens Hospital	AltaMed	Total
Number Served in the Review Period (Based on the current number of participants enrolled at least one day of the review period)	1,915	474	339	1,135	3,863
Orientation Attendance Rate Number of Participants Scheduled for Orientation in the Review Period	852	209	133	515	1,709
Number of Participants who Completed Orientation in the Review Period	608	163	84	353	1,208
Orientation Completion Rate (Target Rate is 70% and is reviewed Semi-Annually)	71%	78%	63%	69%	71%
Bonuses and Sanctions Number of Participants Receiving a Bonus in the Review Period ^b	229	57	50	129	465
- Report Card Showed Satisfactory Progress (\$100 Bonus) ^c	206	46	49	105	406
- High School Diploma Earned or Equivalent (\$500 Bonus)	39	15	1	40	95
Number of Participants Receiving a Sanction in the Review Period	98	43	14	76	231
- Report Card Showed Less Than Adequate Progress	4	2	0	2	8
- Report Card Was Not Submitted	91	40	14	72	217
- Submitting a Late Report Card Without Good Cause	3	1	0	3	7
Number Receiving Supportive Services in the Review Period					
Child Care	200	35	28	60	323
Transportation	434	70	55	258	817
Ancillary Services	129	29	11	59	228
Number of Exemptions and Deferrals in the Review Period					
Exemptions	0	0	0	0	0
Deferrals	0	0	0	0	0

^a Represents the review period of January 2006 through August 2006.

^b Represents the unduplicated number of participants receiving a bonus in the review period.

^c Represents the duplicated number of \$100 bonuses issued. Teens can receive more than one \$100 bonus in the review period.

Cal-Learn Performance Outcome Measures by Cal-Learn Provider
January 2006 - August 2006

	El Nido	Foothill	Childrens Hospital	AltaMed	Total
School Enrollments					
- Number of Participants Enrolled in an Accredited High School or Equivalent Program in the Review Period	835	210	150	430	1,625
School Enrollment Rate (Target Rate is 60% and is reviewed Semi-Annually)	65%	62%	68%	61%	64%
Report Cards					
- Number of Participants with a Report Card Due in the Review Period	683	163	141	432	1,419
- Number of Participants who Submitted a Report Card in the Review Period	600	150	133	416	1,299
Report Card Submission Rate (Target Rate is 50% and is reviewed Semi-Annually)	88%	92%	94%	96%	92%
GED/High School Graduation					
- Number of Participants who Received a GED/High School Diploma in the Review Period	67	25	3	59	154
GED/High School Graduation Rate^d (Target Rate is 50% and is reviewed Annually)	43%	64%	50%	58%	51%

^dThe GED/High School Graduation Rate reflects the review period of January 2006 through August 2006.